

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 KHARTO 02601 301339Z

51

ACTION AF-18

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 PM-07 CIAE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 RSC-01

EUR-25 DRC-01 /063 W

----- 125299

R 301150Z NOV 73

FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

TO USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GERMANY

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 7428

DA WASHDC DAMI-FLT

C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 2601

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS SU

SUBJ: FY 75 DA VIP TOURS PROGRAM

REF: USCINCEUR 121401Z NOV 73

ATT: ECJ7-QT

1. NOMINATION. EMB KHARTOUM RECOMMENDS SUDAN PEOPLE'S ARMED FORCES (PAF) CHIEF OF STAFF)COS) MAJOR GENERAL BASHIR MUHAMMAD ALI FOR FY 75 DA VIP TOURS PROGRAM. POSITION COUNTERPART CHIEF OF STAFF US ARMY, BUT ALSO INCLUDES OPERATIONAL CONTROL SUDAN'S SMALL AIR FORCE AND NAVAL UNITS. BASHIR MUHAMMAD ALI NAMED COS AND PROMOTED MAJOR GENERAL OCT 73. HE IS FORMER COMMANDER ARMORED CORPS AND 1967 GRADUATE USCGS FT LEAVENWORTH, AND WE BELIEVE HAS FULL CONFIDENCE PRESIDENT NIMEIRI. SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH AND IS CONSIDERED EXCELLENT PRROFESSIONAL SOLDIER.

2. SUPPORTING STATEMENT. STRATEGICALLY PLACED IN MIDST MOST IMPORTANT NORTH-SOUTH AIR ROUTES TO EAST AFRICA, SUDAN BORDERS EIGHT AFRICAN STATES AND RED SEA, AND IS CURRENTLY LED BY MILITARY LEADER (NIMEIRI) PURSUING SUDAN-FIRST POLICY WITH MILITARY OFFICERS PLAYING MAJOR ROLE IN GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS. FOLLOWING 1969-1971 PERIOD
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 KHARTO 02601 301339Z

OF VIRTUALLY COMPLETE MILITARY DEPENDENCE ON USSR,

SUDAN BEGAN SEEKING BROAD TIES WITH WEST INCLUDING
1972 RESUMPTION DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH USA AND FRG AND
REVERSION TO CLOSE LINKS WITH WESTERN (0-458:7)-4)6 7)
MILITARY TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT. USSR REMAINS IN
RESIDUAL ADVISER ROLE WITH PRC ACTIVELY PROVIDING
MATERIEL. VISIT TO US BY COS BASHIR WOULD BE CONSISTENT
US EFFORTS INCREASE VARIETY CONTACTS WITH GOS (AS INDICATED
BY RECENT RESUMPTION OUR MODEST MILITARY TRAINING
PROGRAM FOR SUDANESE OFFICERS IN US) AND WOULD BE
WELCOMED BY PAF AS OPPORTUNITY STIMULATE INCREASED
DOD INTEREST IN SUDAN. AS NEW APPOINTEE, BASHIR ALSO
HAS PROSPECT REMAINING IN OFFICE FOR SOME TIME THUS PROVIDING
LONGER OPPORTUNITY FOR BENEFICIAL TRIP FALL-OUT. CURRENT
SUDANESE SUPPORT EGYPT IN MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT NO BAR
VISIT AS LONG AS CEASEFIRE REMAINS EFFECTIVE.
BREWER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 30 NOV 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973KHARTO02601
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: KHARTOUM
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t1973113/aaaaabsl.tel
Line Count: 77
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: USCINCEUR 121401Z NOV 73
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 14 JAN 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <14-Jan-2002 by kelleyw0>; APPROVED <04-Feb-2002 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: FY 75 DA VIP TOURS PROGRAM
TAGS: MASS, SU
To: n/a
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005